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PLANE OF CONDUCTION.

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As I have introduced a new name to a common article by which much of the action of the Universe is carried on I will for the benefit of those who do not take opinions of great men for their belief, but want facts and comparative reasons for proof explain.

The telegraph wire is a plane of conduction. The battery charges the wire with magnetism, and the wire and all the magnets become magnets and draw up their armatures. The telephone wire is a conductive plane. We charge the plane at one end with words and they fly off at every other end connected with the main wire. We charge the end with one set of words and a hundred sets fly off, if there are as many off-shoots of wire. We know the whole wire is charged with the words for we can tap the wire any place and draw off another set of words and not lessen the amount.

There is a conducting plane of fine matter in the air; the words charge the plane, and every person hears them, who has his ear to this plane. A row of cents any length, touching each other, and all held fast but the first and last, draw the first back and throw it against the second and the last will fly off. The line is a plane of conduction; the first cent charges the plane with its force, which throws off the last cent.

A tall tree is felled, the butt squared, also the top end of some limbs. Scratch on the butt with a pin, and it will be heard at the end of each limb squared. There is a plane of conduction in the wood which is charged, the entire length. Electricity flies from the clouds to the earth. Its velocity decomposes the air, and light is caused (light is always caused by chemical change). There is a plane in the fine matter of the air; the light charges it, and we see the light as long as the plane is charged.

The sound of the thunder comes slower by vibration on coarse matter. All bodies are continually passing through chemical changes and the sun,

not being an exception, its surface is continually undergoing this change and producing light with other things. There is a great variety of fine matter which fills all space of the Universe not otherwise filled. Our wise men admit that and call it ether, but its great versatility will not admit of any name but matter. Through this matter innumerable planes of conduction are formed which extend through the Universe.

This light that chemical change of the sun's surface has caused, charges a plane and instantly the whole Universe that this plane reaches is lighted. All light is produced in the same way; the only difference is, the channel changes the variety of plane, and the kind of matter the plane has to pass through.

There are many other productions, by the sun's chemical changes, besides light. The attraction for heat charges a plane and when that plane reaches matter which contains heat, it attracts heat to the surface. Thus we see, when the planes of this attraction are concentrated, as they are by the sun glass, the attraction is concentrated to a small spot and fire is caused. The attraction for the coloring matter that makes vegetables green, beautifies the flowers and makes the fruit blush; charges a plane and the matter is attracted to the surface of the leaves, flowers and fruit, and all made lovely.

There are many kinds of light produced by the chemical change and varied by manipulation and each have their special plane. No matter will make a shadow in a light, if it has the matter in it to form the special plane of that light. Glass has the properties to form the planes of most lights, but wood, flesh and many other kinds of hard matter, have not. Wood, flesh and some other solid matter have in them the substance to form the X-Ray-light plane, so these do not make a shadow in this light; that is the reason why the bones only make a shadow on the screen, when the hand is held in this light, and why it is useful in locating balls in the flesh. I have just read of a light in which glass made a shadow.

I have dwelt longer on light and planes of coarse

matter, so that all may understand. Everything we see is brought to our sight by the article charging a plane connected with it and the eye; with its appearance, every sound we hear, a plane to the ear is charged with; and what the clairvoyant tells you, a plane extends from the scene to his mind. The incident charges the plane, the intuitive sense knows it, and the clairvoyant tells it. No one is a clairvoyant unless the intuitive sense is well developed in some line.

In my next I will note the mental and physical conditions, and how this plane works them.

THE LAWS OF VIBRATION.

To the most casual observers it soon becomes evident that the world of phenomena in which we live is rythmical or periodic. There is a rise and fall, a maximum and minimum, in connection with everything that comes into consciousness. We see it in the solar outbursts that disturb the glowing surface of the sun, the motions of the planets, atmospheric disturbances, and the ebb and flow of the tides. We recognize it in our varying moods, bodily states, and muscular activities, and we are forcibly reminded of it by recurring droughts, far-reaching epidemics, and financial crises.

Experimental science not only confirms, but greatly extends our experience. It teaches that Nature, in her finer manifestations, as in her coarser activities, is vibratory. The more delicate and subtle the phenomena investigated, the stronger the evidence for this conclusion. With every reconsideration of old facts, with every discovery of new, it becomes more and more evident that the one great reality of the Universe, as we know it, the "law of laws" that underlies all phenomena, is vibration.

Our five senses may be regarded as a set of delicate instruments each with an exquisite sensibility for certain rates of vibration, whereby we are enabled to apprehend *something* of the world external to ourselves. That they are limited in their range can be readily shown; but it by no means follows that these limitations exhaust the possibilities of our being. We frequently find it necessary to correct or amend the evidences of our senses, and the fact of our doing so is proof that we possess a faculty or power transcending that of sensation. Take any animal with similar senses to those of man; but more highly developed. Could such an animal solve a problem in arithmetic *although endowed with greater sensibility?* Calculation, as we all know, is not a matter of the senses. Clearly, then, it must be the work of a faculty superior to them, because able to successfully deal with matters beyond their range.

In the hurry and stress of modern life, where everything seems to depend upon the direct activity of the five senses, this ability to dispense with their aid has either been overlooked or deliberately set on one side, and this despite its spontaneous manifestation from time to time. If, as has been assumed, the Universe is an ever-ascending scale of vibrations, it becomes essential, if the evolution of man is to proceed, that he should develop the power to recognize their existence.

His ordinary senses not being sufficient for this purpose, others of greater delicacy and range will have to be evolved. Already there is a certain amount of evidence forthcoming that is slowly but surely being accomplished. We have amongst us a limited number of individuals in whose presence, under certain conditions, strange and mysterious phenomena occur. Matter is moved without visible contact, or manifests in a manner outside our experience. There is a perceptivity other than that of the senses, and a knowledge of post mortem states as startling as it is emphatic. Hypnotic research has revealed that consciousness is but one of many possible states, that its threshold is continually fluctuating, and that it is more or less conditioned by our terrene needs. It may be compared to the rim of a wheel and the Universe to a road, the point of contact being the field of consciousness for the time being. As the wheel revolves, fresh contacts are made, new states of consciousness are developed, with an increased capacity to comprehend the mysteries of the Universe.

Considerations such as these may be useful in helping us to realize that our senses are but temporary expedients—rough and ready contrivances serviceable for a time, but presently to be discarded. Behind them there already exists, in rudimentary form, the makings of a finer and more highly sensitized organization, of deeper capacity and with powers of apprehension for the detection and recognition of states of vibration as yet unknown.

Evolution itself may be regarded as the aggregation of minute atomic impulses towards a higher harmonious relationship, and such is the compelling power of sympathetic vibration that once started on its ascending ladder, it is impossible to stop until we find ourselves face to face with the Divine.

ARTHUR BUTCHER, in *Light*.

THE SERMON IN THE CAVE.

I dreamt that the lamps were lit in the chief council chamber of the Devil's Cave, and the imps of iniquity and agents of sin were all in their places for instruction, when Satan addressed them saying: "Blessed are the saintly hypocrites; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the stockholders in the great trusts; for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the cunning thieves; for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after wealth; for they shall be filled. Blessed is the merciless Turk; for he shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the proud in heart; for they shall see God. Blessed are the war makers; for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they who are promoted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

It is noticeable that the conclusions are the same as those of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount—but the means of attaining them very different—though vastly more up-to-date. In fact they fit the orthodox practices to-day to the very letter. The Devil could not have done better if he had graduated at Princeton.

J. M. GALE.

THE WORLD IS GROWING BETTER.

Did you ever sit on the sea shore, and watch the rising tide? As the slack ceases, a gentle swell rolls towards the shore. It is not even large enough to break. Then another, a little larger, comes, and it makes a tiny ripple, just enough to disturb the jelly fish, and make the sand-fleas hunt their holes, while the clams and oysters begin to open. By and by a regular old "buster" comes up almost to your feet, and the foam and noise of his combings, as he breaks upon the resistless sands, is a symphony that wins your soul.

Then there is an ebb, and the waters run back almost to where they were at slack. In a few moments they begin to gather force, and again little waves ripple and dash at your feet. Every moment one a little larger than the one before comes up a little more saucily, and you begin to think of moving back to safer and drier ground.

Some foolish children, thinking the tide will come no higher, rush out to the water's edge, when—swish! old ocean's water's rise, like the bosom-heavings of a mighty giant, and all get a wetting. And so it goes until high-water mark is reached.

The world's tide of prosperity is rising. For ages it has been slack. Then a gentle ripple would break on the shores of time, and fall back. Then another and another.

Some foolish children like Malthus, Fourier and Miller, and later Hawly, Coxey and Bryan think the tide is receding, and they rush down to the water's edge, but every time they will get wet.

We have physical and psychical blessings to-day, of which our grandfathers never dreamed. Our grandchildren's horns of plenty will be filled with things of which we never conceived. There will be cawkers, dire prognosticators, "jonahs," "judases," "false prophets," then as there are now, and always have been. Old men in those bright days to come will sit and bemoan the past, and talk of the degeneracy of the race.

But the warm, life-giving sunshine will fill the pure air, vibrating with the sweet songs of birds and laden with the odors of blooms. Empires will rise and fall until the golden age shall come, when peace and love shall rule the world.

The evidence goes to show that we are approaching that age. Here and there the waves of time may fall back a little, but the tide is rising.

The world is growing better. Men eat better, and have more varieties, and larger quantities of food to eat. They live in better houses. They have more facilities in every department of life. They have more leisure. They are better educated. They are boldly opening the arcana of nature, and utilizing the secrets they find. They are growing better physically and psychically. There is more love, peace, happiness, joy, wealth, knowledge, pleasure, light, truth, honesty and integrity in the general mass of mankind to-day than ever before in the history of the world.

True, here and there is some pain, sorrow and trouble, but these are only local irritations, the last flickerings of the tallow dips of the karma of past generations. No individual on top of ground needs to suffer to-day from "hard times." There

are natural laws which govern all these things, and if you intelligently obey these laws no power in the Universe can stop the laurels of success from crowning the brows of honor.

If you are sick, it is because you don't understand and obey the laws of health. If you are poor, it is because you do not understand and obey the laws of wealth. Study, keep up with the procession. The world is growing better.

Appropriate are the words which Shakespeare put in the mouth of Brutus:

There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at its full flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.
On such a full sea we are now afloat,
And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our ventures.

B. A. STEPHENS.

San Diego, Cal., June 2, 1897.

UNIVERSAL LOVE AND HAPPINESS.

It has long been my opinion that the foundations of all religions are identical—made of love. It needs no great power of logic to prove that universal love will bring universal happiness. Nevertheless, every blessing, if not held in equilibrium by judicious restraint, will destroy itself. Oxygen diluted with nitrogen forms the air which we breathe. So with everything in nature.

Love, to be beneficial, must be diluted to suit our conditions. It is very patent, however, that in times past, and reaching even down to the present, that love became too much diluted and debased, as shown by "wars and rumors of wars," and it became necessary to infuse, from "spirit-life," more love, hence came the *Spes mea Christus*, hope of salvation through this new infusion of spiritual oxygen. The spiritual part of this world became like the air in a mine, and Christ is only a name given to a channel for the infusion of spirit love.

I do not claim that Jesus was the only channel reaching down from heaven. Some of the writers claim there are accounts of over thirteen in different parts of the world slain, or giving up their lives; however this may be, whether there were many, or only the one channel, it was, and is, only one effort of spirit life to secure the necessary equilibrium.

It is evident, that faculty called instinct was more prominent than now. The introduction of words, just spoken, and, later on, written, so dispensed with the necessity for thought communication in the old way, that the faculty gradually lost power, and the gradual dropping communication with spirit existence. Now, men pray too much "with their lips." "God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in Truth." The "thought-wave" should go direct to the Father of Spirits for his sanction, or veto. With his sanction, it will come back to earth-life with a power that cannot be withstood.

We cannot dispense with the idea of "hell" by saying there is no hell, any more than we can dispense with oxygen by saying there is no oxygen. Love burns up personal ambition, selfishness, etc.

To such attributes, love is a "consuming fire," i. e. "hell." On the other hand, love adds strength and growth to philanthropy, altruism, etc. "Love is heaven."

JOSE MACKINSON.

HERE AND THERE.

When I learn of victims of uncertainties scaling the bounds of their "ism," and standing on neutral ground, serving as a target at which ugly epithets are hurled by old praters on the left, and tormented with fear to further penetrate unexplored verities on the right, I feel in duty bound to venture a rescue.

D. D. Belden and Minot J. Savage are very near the Kingdom of Heaven. Short spirit-sight prevents many from recognizing the beauties and glory of Spiritualism. Perfectly harmonious relationship between carnalism and Spiritualism is impossible, and for a carnal mind to simply taste of Spiritualism, only begets monsters.

Some, in imagination, fill Nature's realms with phantoms of uncertain character. Such are unable to perceive naturalness of human life in other realms, or a correspondence of all to that in which they exist.

There is surely moral improvement and degrees of improvement there as here, and corresponding to growth. Angelhood is a degree of moral culture.

Our complainings because angels do not permanently establish us on neutral ground is unwarranted, having learned, as others do, that building on sand does not reflect wisdom. Spiritualism is the asylum of the angel world, wherein carnally sick souls are treated and made whole.

In Spiritualism may be found the well-spring of pure and sparkling waters having healing for the nations, and whosoever drinketh freely of its waters shall not thirst for righteousness.

DR. C. B. BURNISH.

Paulsboro, N. J., June 9, 1897.

POSITIVE SPIRITUALITY.

The various theologies and religions of earth have one feature that may be said to be common to all. Each has sought to emphasize that *it* alone, held within itself the *only* force producing moral goodness, yet they, one and all, enforce the necessity of positive, unmistakable evidence in the life of *its* moral regenerating power.

The old Hebrew religion was practically a negative religion, "Thou shalt not," being the chief tenor of its moral precepts.

The Christian religion, which sprang from the Jewish, while not quite so negative still retains much that makes it of a similar character in many respects. Still if we study the teachings of the Christ we find that he certainly taught that it was *not* enough to abstain from certain evil practices, but that man must practice active holiness until it becomes the ruling force in their lives if they would make their religious principles a positive factor in regenerating the world.

There is not a shadow of doubt that the restraints,

the "Shalt nots," of the "old dispensation," were salutary in their intention and helpful in their operation in that day and age of the world. But the world progresses, and a time came that was ripe for the revelation of the true spirit of the "law," that it was not "the letter of the law" that developed spiritual growth and strength, but "the Spirit that giveth life."

Forms and ceremonies hold within themselves nothing that has vitality, so that the abstaining from evil or the performance of rites and ceremonies do not promote goodness. Still the principles of morality and positive righteousness have not changed from those taught by Moses, or religious teachers before his day. The change is in interpretation of those principles, changing them from negative to positive powerful agents in the day-life of man.

I do not depreciate the passive qualities that are to be cultivated under certain conditions, but I would emphasize the positive definite utilizing of every energy, power and gift to bring the Truth to its utmost position of influence and dominion.

What is true of Truth, is true of man, because Truth appeals for support to what is true in man. All men are "Sons of God," partakers of the Divine nature, and because they are what they are, as much a force in the world as the Infinite Spirit, though not of equal power. If Truth and the Infinite Spirit are a power in the world, man must be also, and the union of these three forces means victory, and the death of all negations. Because you and I are a part of the Supreme Godhead, because Truth is mighty and will prevail, and because the Divine Spirit is back of all efforts to overcome materialism; therefore the man who is actively spiritual, positively fearless in making his goodness masterful in fighting on the side of righteousness, and of definite positive action in every emergency, such a man need never fear defeat, for "Those that be *for* us are more than they that be against us." G. W. BRADFORD.

SOARING TO HIGHER ALTITUDES.

Psychic journeys to ethereal astral planes or departments of the spiritual part of the Universe, wherein the aspiring psychic soul can commune and hold sweet converse with transitionated loved ones, and other congenial arisen souls, has evidently been the happy lot of some of the pilgrims on the earth plane, from the time when the morning stars or immortal heralds of the realm celestial announced the advent of possessors of the planet earth. The same magic power is at work still, and by that means many fresh flowers, fruits and jewels of spiritual light, truth and beauty, have been and are being brought back to earth, from beyond the border, by finely burnished psychics. It is in that way the denizens of this and other physical planets have been kept in telegraphic touch with the spirit realm, all through the past, that being the method of magnetic and psychic postal conveyance of tidings and conditions spiritual between the realms.

Such being the fact as to the method of interchange and exchange—O how important it is that

these attributes or splendid faculties of the immortal ego have the accompaniment of favorable surroundings as to physical culture, training, etc., for through such culture the temple or material drapery gets more in harmony with spirit, in which condition the spirit ego can display its infinite possibilities to better advantage, showing what it can accomplish in connection with the mystic or metaphysical realm.

Through this psychic channel one may grasp the meaning of that beautiful mystic or higher cult passage—"To him that overcometh, will I

MRS. C. CORNELIUS.

Mrs. C. Cornelius, a well-known medium of this city, is a native of New York, but in her earlier years, her parents moved to this Coast and took up what is now Portland, Oregon.

From infancy Mrs. Cornelius has been an instrument of the spirit world, and through her agency hundreds have been brought into the light of truth as it is in spirit. She was ordained first in 1884 by the Oregon State Spiritualists' Association, and bears a certificate also from the California State Association, as well as from many of the Auxiliary Societies. Though giving in her time most of the phases known to Spiritualism, Mrs. Cornelius now devotes her attention to clairaudience and clairvoyance—in which she gives remarkable proofs of spirit power—and also lectures inspirationally, her controls giving utterance to the highest and purest of sentiments, which hold her audience spellbound.

For a long time she filled the rostrum of the late First Christian Spiritualists' Society of Oakland, where she drew large audiences and where she has friends by the hundreds.

As a psychometrist she excels, and many of the valuable mines on the Coast were developed by her advice.

Quiet and unassuming, charitable and tolerant, Mrs. Cornelius is doing a work that commands for her the respect of all with whom she comes in contact.

At present she is located at 8 Mason street, San Francisco, and her seances and meetings are announced through the papers.—WILBUR.

☞ Since our departed dear ones, when living, afforded us the sweetest and most charming pleasures, we ought so to cherish their memory as to make it conduce many ways more to our joy than our grief.—Plutarch.

☞ Certain acts may be rendered legal; but they can never be rendered legitimate.—Tallyrand.



Mrs. C. CORNELIUS, San Francisco, Cal.

give to eat of the hidden manna, and give a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth save him that receiveth it"—and not only grasp its significance, but become the happy winner of the immortal prize.

O ye who claim to stand on higher planes of thought in liberal and spiritual directions—live so that practical and benevolent lives shall fully vindicate the right to the claim. M. E. TAYLOR.

☞ Each generation gathers together the imperishable children of the past, and increases them by new sons of light, alike radiant with immortality.—Bancroft.

BUILDING THE TEMPLE.

The great temple of humanity will never be built by other than human hands. Let us learn to mix the mortar and cut the blocks and plant our derricks, with confidence in our ability to build. Let us work with song and gladness. Let us rejoice in all the life that is ours. Then we will no longer exhaust ourselves in fighting shadows.—Universal Truth.

☞ Before the voice can speak in the presence of the Masters it must have lost the power to wound.—Light on the Path.

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Spiritualists are Patriotic.

The San Francisco Call, on Monday, June 28, made a grievous mistake in publishing the following paragraph:

At the closing session of the camp-meeting last night Dr. Sivarthia made some remarks about the veterans at Santa Monica that have caused a storm among the old soldiers. "We talk about the he-God," said the speaker, "and hear little about the she-God, as though both were not equal. While at Santa Monica I saw something about the he-Gods that didn't raise my opinion of them. Down there, are lots of soldiers, or they think they are—noble men, all of them. They bled and fought and died for their country—some of them in their dreams. Pity they did not all die, because we would not have had to support the drunken crowd now. They just swarm into the streets where the saloons are, and so long as their pensions last, they drink like beasts. These are some of the men, and I want to know if ever women did such things? Yet all our talk is about men and the 'he.'"

Dr. Sivarthia indignantly denied having used any such language, and the Spiritualists of this locality are far too loyal and true to their country to think or to speak otherwise than in the highest terms of the noble veterans who defended and served her so well. They look upon the remarks as

a personal insult, reflecting upon their patriotism.

Prof. Petersilea made some remarks, which were incorrectly given by the reporter, but even his words were not approved by Spiritualists here, and hence at Tuesday's session of the Spiritual Congress at Oakland a committee was appointed to draw up resolutions refuting this accusation, to be published to the world at large and to the old soldiers in particular. The following was passed:

Resolved, That we, the Spiritualists of the Pacific Coast, declare our loyalty to the flag and warmest friendship to our dear brothers, the noble old veterans, who so bravely defended it, and deeply regret the grievous mistake of Prof. Petersilea, published in the San Francisco Call, of June 29. Committee.—Prof. J. S. Loveland, Florence Montague, C. F. Van Loven.

This resolution was published in the San Francisco Call of Wednesday under the heading of "A Grievous Mistake," with the following remarks, fully exonerating Dr. Sivarthia from using the language quoted:

"The man who spoke at the last session of their camp-meeting was not Dr. Sivarthia, but a musician, a stranger, from Los Angeles, named Prof. Carlisle Petersilea. The Spiritualists even refute his statements and repudiate his conclusions."

The whole matter is very unfortunate, for it will be telegraphed all over the world, but the correction will never catch up with the sensational report, even if it gets a good start.

Blavatsky Re-Incarnated.

We learn from the *Theosophist* that Mrs. Besant has been "frankly affirming" the re-incarnation of Madame Blavatsky. What she frankly affirms is this:

"Madame Blavatsky has been re-incarnated in the person of a young Brahmin, now about 19 years old, whose soul had departed. The re-incarnation took place five years ago, and the lad, who previously knew only Sanskrit and Hindustani, now speaks Russian, French, German and Hebrew"; but she says "his identity must be held secret for some time to come. I knew from Madame Blavatsky of this re-incarnation before it was consummated. There can be no doubt of it, and the fact can be established without difficulty, when the right time comes."

This mystery has been whispered in Theosophical circles for some time; but, if Mrs. Besant be correctly reported, she has given the rumor a body that it did not possess before her "frank affirmation." Of course, such an event as the re-incarnation of

Madame Blavatsky in the body of a young Hindu would be a fact of stupendous importance, could it be established without a doubt, as a fact, and not merely as a matter of belief, or as a peg upon which to hang extravagant inferences. Unfortunately, the "frank affirmation" accorded to us is far from satisfactory, for Madame Blavatsky was not a Hebrew scholar, and was not particularly strong in German; whereas English, which she knew perfectly, is omitted from the list of remembered languages—languages which are quoted with the evident intention of confirming the report of her re-incarnation. We must wait for fuller affirmations—"when the right time comes."—*Light*, London, England.

Original Lord's Prayer.

Siddi Mohamet, one of the Johns of India, and who, like his ancestors of thousands of years, has never tasted of flesh or fish, is now in Kansas City, Mo., giving a course of free lectures. Below is Siddi Mohamet's rendition of the "Lord's Prayer" handed down by the priesthood of his country for thousands of years:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our sins as we would forgive. Lead us through temptation into light. Deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, for thus it must be. All praise, all glory, all perfection to the Lord God Almighty. All men do him reverence.

Siddi Mohamet says it is more beautiful than the Christian prayer, which is a corruption of it.—*Light of Truth*.

Churches Waning.

The Rev. Thos. Dixon, Jr., in the Academy of Music, N. Y., spoke on "The New Theology," thus:

The organic church-life has lost hold on the public mind. Women are the only ones who hold to church organizations of to-day. There are not 35,000 men in New York to-day who go into Protestant churches. This is true also of Roman Catholics. According to the latest statistics it is estimated that 385,000 persons attended the Catholic churches, but of that number there are many who go to church once or twice a year and some who never go unless they think they are about to die.

The decline of the ministry is another great factor in the decay of the ecclesiastical machinery. If there is one in the family who is no use for anything else, the parents make a

preacher of him. There are 1,000 preachers out of a job.

If men of brains get into the ministry and begin to think, and give expression to their thought, they must get out quick or stand trial on a charge of heresy. Dr. Briggs, the brainiest man the Presbyterian church ever had, was put out when he began to think.—*New York Herald*.

Dr. Peebles in Ceylon and India.

The following is an extract from a letter just received from the doctor:

Only a few days since I returned to Ceylon from a long tour through Southern India, seeing temples, tonks, ruins, pagodas, Fakirs, Yogis and jugglers to my heart's content. The weather was intensely hot; thermometer standing from 102 to 122 in the shade.

Poor plague-stricken, famine-scourged, poverty-cursed India! England has governed the country for 200 years, squeezing the financial life out of the people through taxation; and yet, they infinitely prefer English to Mohammedan rule.

The two worst curses of India are, the ignorance of her women and child marriage. A Hindu said to me the other day: "I've but one child—a girl 11 years old—married." Has she ever seen her husband? "Oh, no; he lives in an adjoining village, and she will not see him until the day of their marriage. They will not go to living together under a year." Often they are married much younger. Girls must be married—rather sold according to custom. No wonder they are an effeminate race.

Swami Vivekananda, who appeared so gorgeously arrayed at the World's Parliament of Religions, and who has since been on a lecture tour through America enlightening people on the old Yoga philosophy and the Yoga practice, had better do a little missionary work in his own country—a country largely of ignorance and beggars. I met some very intelligent Brahmins with minds given to metaphysics and meditation. They are social, kind hearted and courteous to those of their own caste. And this caste is another curse in the country. English railways are doing a good deal to break up the caste system.

By the way, Swami Vivekananda is not a Brahmin, nor can he become one only by dying and being re-born into a Brahmin family. He is a Sudra. His father is a lawyer in Calcutta. His real name is Novendra Nath Dutt. He was on the stage for awhile as an actor. Mr. Dutt is a very excellent speaker, but is not a Brahmin, nor does his scholarship compare with that of the plain unassuming Babu Partab Chunder Mazoomdar. Swami in Sanskrit means Lord.

I remained three weeks in Adyar, India, the headquarters of Theosophy, Col. H. S. Olcott being the presiding genius. The residence is almost a palace, embowered in ornamental shrubbery and oriental foliage. It faces and is situated upon the flowing

Adyar river, some five miles from Madras, a city of 450,000. I had never had access to a richer, rarer library than the one in Adyar.

The better class of Theosophists, the most of them originally Spiritualists, speak and write respectfully of the great growing body of Spiritualists, delighting in honoring the rock from which they were hewn; but the baser class, the Judge-Tingley-Griffith school, have little but snarls and slanders for Spiritualists, and especially for Spiritualist mediums.

Just at present, however, the two jangling factions have enough to do to sweep their own door-yards and cleanse their own Augean stables, so foul—Theosophists themselves being witnesses—with deceptions, forgery and fraud.

When the crusading Theosophists with banners went to Point Loma, San Diego, to lay the cornerstone of the "temple of the mysteries,"—a temple on paper—they deposited a paper purporting to give the origin of Theosophy, making Madame Blavatsky and W. Q. Judge the originators—a square straight-out falsehood. Living only three and a half hours' ride from New York and frequently lecturing in the city at that period, I knew—*positively knew*—that the founders of the Theosophical Society were Madame Blavatsky and Col. H. S. Olcott. Blavatsky was the psychic medium and Col. Olcott was the organizer. I like to see justice done to all. No falsehood can long stand. The truths must prevail in the end. What brotherhood! to not even mention Col. Olcott's name!

If Spiritualism means belief in the power of disembodied spirits to hold converse with mortals, then nearly all Hindus are Spiritualists. Brahmins have related to me the most astounding phenomena.

I am going out to-morrow night to visit a haunted house in the suburbs of Colombo. When in Madura, India, I spent the best part of one day in Hindu homes casting out demons—that is, dispossessing sensitives of their undeveloped controls. I succeeded in every case except one, caused by the depletion of my vitality and magnetism.

By a telegram from Chicago, a few days ago, we learn that Mrs. Annie Besant was cheered when she expressed hope of a reunion with the faction of Theosophists in this country, led by William Q. Judge, in her address at the Annual Convention of the American section of the Theosophical Society, held in the Athenaeum Building.

Among those present were the Countess Wachtmeister and Miss Wilson, lights of the society. Twenty-three of the thirty-five branches of the American section were represented.

It is to be hoped that a permanent union will be the result of Mrs. Besant's labors to that end, for it is a

great pity that there should have been any cause for division. Such will hinder prosperity, create dissension and produce inharmonious generally.

Illustrated Lecture.

This lecture is descriptive of the past and present of San Francisco from its early settlement by the Franciscan Friars down to the present day, and is to be given by Mrs. Julia Schlesinger as a benefit entertainment for the *Boys of Truth*, on Thursday evening, July 8, at Fraternal Hall, corner of 14th and East Washington streets, Oakland, Cal. Tickets 25 cents each.

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Psychic Experience.—A correspondent for *Intelligence*, an excellent monthly published in New York, makes the following statement:

I have two friends who have had a number of psychic experiences, and one that occurred a short time ago seems especially interesting. One of the ladies is very susceptible to psychic influences, and she other possesses considerable psychic power. The former suffered considerably from wakefulness, and it gradually became the custom of her friend to put her to sleep at night—sometimes in her actual presence, but frequently by sending the mental command from her home, several blocks away. She was told to sleep until called in the morning, and the message to awaken was invariably sent from a distance, and the sleeper as invariably responded.

The July number of *The Homiletic Review* makes an excellent beginning of Volume XXXIV of that standard periodical. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$3.00 a year.



San Jose Notes.

TO THE EDITOR:

During the month of June Mrs. Irene Smith, of San Francisco, has been the lecturer to the First Spiritual Union, and her valuable work is growing in the estimation of the members and friends who attend our meetings. Her psychometric readings and spirit messages are sometimes very remarkable and clear, and only go to prove what can be accomplished by honesty of purpose and true devotion to the cause of Truth, as it is only as we aspire for the highest truth that we are enabled to come into such perfect rapport with the higher intelligences that can do this grand work. In order to show the result of her work with this Union, I give a copy of a letter handed to her to-day under our seal:

San Jose, June 27, 1897.

Mrs. Irene Smith.

Dear Madame and Sister:—It is my very pleasant duty to inform you that at the regular quarterly meeting of the membership of the First Spiritual Union of San Jose, held this day, you were by a unanimous vote duly elected an honorary member of this corporation, as a slight token of the respect and esteem in which you are held by the members, and also as an expression of their appreciation of your noble efforts, not only on behalf of this Society, but also in the cause of Truth and Progress at large.

Yours faithfully,
JAS. U. SPENCE, Sec.

We are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to a visit from Mr. J. T. and Mrs. R. S. Lillie, who will be with us on Sundays, July 4th and 11th. Yours fraternally,

JAS. U. SPENCE,
Sec. First Spiritual Union.

Pursued by an Evil Spirit.

TO THE EDITOR:

The heading of an article in the JOURNAL of June 17, brings to mind an experience I had with W. T. Church in the Winter of 1875, in Springfield, Ill. I was with him for two months endeavoring to release him from a control for which it took him one year to cultivate negativeness. Spirits of all grades could materialize, by my assisting Church, but I was always conscious. My experience with earth-bound spirits while I was with him, was enough to show its danger.

Spiritualism is the science of life, and they that obey Nature's divine law and unfold their own moral and spiritual powers the most, will have the brightest light, by which to solve the mysteries of their own lives. Unless the higher powers in the human mind are unfolded, that mind must remain in darkness—be it in the material body or out of it—there is only one voice that can guide us over life's beautiful scenery, and that is

the voice of Nature: she is teaching, clothing and unfolding all her offspring on all planes of life, and her voice is ever calling all to come up to a higher and brighter plane of life.

A. C. DOANE.

Among the Meetings.

ASA P. WILBUR.

Mme. E. Young's Sunday night meeting (27th ult.) was very well attended, the new hall at 605 McAllister street, being comfortably filled. The violin solo by Prof. Richard Young won a round of hearty applause. The Madame's tests and messages were all of them to the point, accurate, some being of a striking nature, and were all recognized. A number of skeptics were in the audience and some of them received what doubtless set them to thinking.

The evening meeting of the Spiritual Church, held by Mrs. Fleming at 909 Market street, Sunday, June 27th, was full of interest. Questions were answered by Mrs. H. A. Griffin and tests given and remarks made by Mrs. Kate Hoskins and Mrs. Dunham. There was a fair audience and the tests were nearly all recognized.

Chas. V. Miller's last "Mother Sadie" seance, given in his new parlors, 409 Leavenworth street, drew a large number of those interested in Spiritualism's phenomena—the rooms being packed. A large number of forms presented themselves, most of whom were recognized and in some cases quite a conversation was held with the manifesting spirit. Mother Sadie came, resplendently robed, and gave words of wisdom by which all might profit. Though the rooms were rather too light, owing to the nonclosing of the rear windows, the manifestations were unusually strong and spirit lights were visible at times.

Dr. C. H. Rin-es presented a very good bill-of-fare in spiritual food at his meeting held in his hall 909 Market street, on the 27th ult. The mediums occupying the rostrum were Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Sealey, Prof. Gee and the old pioneer, Dr. Rin-es himself. There was a good attendance and the remarks and tests were well received.

The New Spiritualism, an address delivered before the London Spiritualist Alliance at St. James Hall, by Richard Harte; 36 pages. Office of *Light*, London, Eng. 10 cts.

The author is a student and presents the matter in a clear and forcible way. He shows that materiality is the temporary condition of spirit—that the body is a garment which the spirit puts on in order to manifest on the earth plane—that when we leave this material existence we shall be clothed with other garments appropriate to that existence. He believes that eventually the sun of universal kindness will shine forth and all nature burst into bloom—when Man, the Spirit, will know that in his own nobler self Christ has come again.

"Workers in the Vineyard."

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Camp Meetings this year are announced as follows:

Lake Brady, O., June 27 to Aug. 29.
Northwestern, Minn., June 20 to July 25.
Onset, Mass., July 4 to July 30.
Peoria, Ill., July 15 to Sept. 1.
Devil's Lake, Mich., July 11 to July 25.
Mantua, O., July 18 to Aug. 22.
Chesterfield, Ind., July 22 to Aug. 5.
Sylvan Beach, N. Y., July 25 to Aug. 8.
Grand Ledge, Mich., July 25 to Aug. 8.
Clinton, Iowa, Aug. 1 to Aug. 29.
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Escondido, Cal., July 1 to 22.
Summerland, Cal., July 18 to Aug. 8.
New Era, Oregon, July 9 to Aug. 1.
Winfield, Kans., opens July 10.
Leavenworth, Kans., July 8.
Summerland Beach, O., July 10.
Cassadaga, N. Y., July 16.
Freeville, N. Y., July 25.
Lake Sunapee, N. H., July 25.
Burlington, Vt., July 25.
Lake Pleasant, Mass., Aug. 1.
Marshalltown, Iowa, Aug. 21.
Topeka, Kans., Sep. 4.
Upper Swampscott, Mass., June to Sept.
Island Lake, Mich., July 29 to Aug. 31.
Cape Cod, Mass., July 18 to Aug. 1.
Lookout Mountain, Tenn., July 4 to 18.
Lake Cora, Mich., June 27.
Clackamas, Ore., July 10.
Niantic, Conn., June 28.
Ashley, O., Aug. 15.

Spiritual Scraps is the title of a pamphlet of 112 pages, published at the office of the *Light of Truth*, Columbus, O., being No. 1, Vol. I of the *Light of Truth Library*. It details the experiences in Spiritualism of Prof. Crookes, F. R. S., and other eminent scientists, and will make a good missionary document. Price 25 cts.

The *American Monthly Review of Reviews* for July contains a variety of important contributed articles. Among these we note Baron de Courbertin's vivacious account of "The Revival of the French Universities," General Greeley's survey of "Higher Deaf-mute Education in America," and Sylvester Baxter's sympathetic review of Edward Bellamy's new book.

Spiritualist News.

In this department may be found the cream of the current Spiritualist news of the day, culled from every available source.

The Editor must not be held responsible for the opinions expressed, nor for the estimated talent or reputation of the persons mentioned.

Readers are requested to send us short items of news. Interesting incidents of spirit communion and well authenticated spirit phenomena are ever welcome, and will be published as soon as possible.

Mrs. C. Cornelius left for Eureka on the 5th and will be in that city for a short time.

A new Spiritual journal will be launched in New York about the first of September.

The Bangs sisters will be at Lily Dale from July 1 to Aug. 15; after that at Clinton Camp, Iowa.

The Spiritualists have dedicated a new temple in South Kenton, O., over 100 members attending.

There is some talk of establishing a school in Oakland, Cal., for the education of public mediums.

Dundee, Mich., has a new Society with Mr. Davis as chairman and Mrs. Emma Moore as secretary.

The State Spiritualists' Association has indefinitely suspended its Sunday evening meetings.

At a business meeting of the Philadelphia First Association over \$500 were raised for next season's work.

Mrs. E. J. Demorest and J. J. Yohn have been serving the First Spiritual church of Allegheny, Pa.

Rhode Island holds a State Convention on the 30th at Providence. Dr. Fuller, Mrs. Whitlock and others are to be there.

W. B. Milner a prominent Spiritualist of Los Angeles is the guest of Mrs. Thorsen of 517 Mason street, San Francisco.

The Spiritual Congress in Oakland last week was fairly well attended, and it is probable that much good was done in the promotion of goodwill and harmony.

St. Louis will have Mr. Grumbine next December and January, Mrs. Glading in February and March, Mrs. Twing in April. Speakers can address Mrs. Alice Thompson, 3303 Pine street, St. Louis, Mo.

The Patriotic Party, given by the Children's Progressive Lyceum on July 2 at 909 Market street, San Francisco, was a complete success, and reflected great credit on the promoters.

The Tuesday evening circles of Mrs. Kate Hoskins at 701 McAllister St., are well worth attending. The teaching of the guides is elevated, the tests clear and of an advanced order, and when one has attended one of Mrs. Hoskins' circles he wants to go again.

Mrs. Maude L. von Freitag, the wonderful ballot medium, made her last public appearance for the present in this section of the State at the Scottish Hall, San Francisco, on Sunday June 27. The hall was crowded with anxious investigators.

A literary entertainment and dance

will be held on Saturday evening, July 17, at 605 McAllister street, San Francisco, under the auspices of the Medium's Protective Association, for the benefit of a lady who is sick and in distress. Refreshments will be served. Admission 10 cents. Let the house be filled. The cause is a worthy one.

The last day of the Spiritualists' camp-meeting at Trestle Glen, Oakland, Cal., was a grand success says the *San Francisco Call*. Some of their prominent workers occupied the platform through the day. Among them were Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Whitney and Mme. Florence Montague. The afternoon lecture was delivered by Mme. Montague, and the audience was unanimous in declaring it the finest effort of the camp-meeting.

The Spiritual Congress in Oakland, Cal., held three sessions daily from June 29 to July 4. Dr. N. F. Ravlin presided, and opened it with a lecture on the "Growth of Ideas." Dr. Sivatha, Mrs. Lillie, Dr. York, Mrs. Maude Lord Drake, Prof. Loveland, Madam Montague, and others were the speakers. The closing oration on Sunday was on the "Future of the American Republic."

On Wednesday, June 23, an interesting meeting was held by the People's Spiritualists' Society at 111 Larkin street, San Francisco. The president and vice-president being absent, the secretary, Harriet Wrenn, presided. After some remarks by W. T. Jones, many excellent tests were given by Mrs. Carrie Wermouth, which were duly appreciated. Some fine music was then rendered by the popular artists, Winters and Rice, after which tests were given by Mesdames Ellis, Mayo-Steers, Meyers and Seely, thus rounding out a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Dr. Peebles in a private letter writes: "I had a grand time in Australia. My audiences were simply immense—sometimes 2,000 people, with fine paid singing. They loaded me down with presents, when leaving. It was my third lecture tour there, and the friendships I formed 25 years ago, were just as warm as ever. The dailies state that there are 300 mediums in Melbourne. Some are very good test mediums. I leave India soon for Persia, Egypt and Palestine."

The Premium Book, "Mediumistic Experiences of John Brown," was received, and I wish to thank you for the pleasure the perusal of its contents has given me; also for the beautiful and helpful thoughts that I glean weekly from the pages of the *JOURNAL*. May angels and mortals work hand in hand ever faithfully to bring it lasting success.

ROSE M. GRAY.
San Francisco, Cal., June 30, 1897.

A Summer breeziness and wild Western thrill of adventures pervade the stories in the July *Midland Monthly*, (Des Moines), Iowa.

Dr. J. H. Dewey, New York, whose excellent and up-lifting books are so widely circulated, writes us as follows: "Your bright, clean, *PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL*, with its suggestive contents from many minds, and its healthy and stimulating editorials, makes its weekly and very welcome visits to me promptly; and I hope you are prospering in your brave and energetic work."

E. V. Wilson was known as the "old war horse" in our ranks. He has passed to the beyond, but his memory is kept green by his frequent materializations through various media. He does not seem to be gone from us, and is as much alive to the needs of Spiritualism to-day as he was when in the body. His daughter, Mrs. Kaynor, continues the work of her father through her mediumship, and thus Mr. Wilson is doubly dear to us and all friends of the phenomena. —*Light of Truth*.

Teaching by precept has a double force when backed up by example. It is a very easy thing to tell others what to do and how to do it, but not always so easy to practice what one preaches. We all know, or think we know, right from wrong. The thought of right will help others, who are wavering in the balance, to a better life; but its moral force is lost upon ourselves unless we square our lives by that thought. And just here is the lesson: All the helps in the Universe will profit us nothing unless we help ourselves; and the very moment we determine to help ourselves, it is amazing how numerous and potent will be the friendly forces that will come to our assistance.—*Two Worlds*.

The Age to Come.—We are living to-day in the dawn of a new age. This new age is radiant with promise. It comes unheralded by the pomp of civil or ecclesiastic power. It has its origin in the hidden recesses of the human soul. In the past, civilizations have come up, flourished for a time and then gone down. But the coming civilization finds its life in the dynamics of a spiritual force that can never retrograde. The brightest ideals of the past are to be fully wrought out and applied in the new.—*The New Woman*.

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When A. J. Davis and the Fox girls appeared upon the scene, through his spirit guide Mr. Brown had already grown wise in spiritual philosophy, a thousand miles from the haunts of civilization, though no education was his, save what the spirits taught him. He had visited the spirit world and had foretold the advent of Modern Spiritualism, and that it would have its journals, speakers and mediums.

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The following index will give a faint idea of the magnitude of John Brown's "Mediumistic Experiences."

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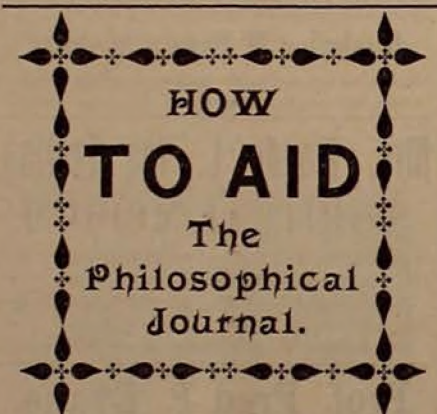
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